

death of Professor Robert Bridges, her Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, one, who, while he added much to her present substantial reputation, will be remembered and revered by those who knew him, chiefly because of his eminently lovable and unselfish character, his devotion to duty, and his faithful labors for the institution with which he was so long and so honorably connected.

“If we, younger men, and especially you, young gentlemen, just about starting upon your life’s career, will emulate these qualities of character, we may expect some day, when the curtain drops upon the drama of our life, to have it said of each of us, as it is now said of him, ‘his was a noble life.’”

Addition to these just eulogies seems redundant. But truth suggests that the most tender and considerate of all the testimony of his worth should be recorded. The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy did not limit its manifestation of respect to memorial resolutions or laying flowers on his bier. Its sense of sympathy and regret was substantially expressed in a spontaneous act of pure generosity. It asked, as a privilege inuring to long and intimate fellowship, to be permitted to defray the expenses of his funeral and to pay to his heirs an extra quarter’s salary of the emeritus professor. Such homage is rarely offered; and when offered is seldom declined, even by opulent people.

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*Stated Meeting, March 21, 1884.*

Present, 6 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

An acceptance of membership was received from Prof. W. LeConte Stevens, dated the Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, New York, March 11.

Acknowledgments of the receipt of Proceedings were received from the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy (114);



W. L. Stevens (114); U. S. Naval Institute (114); Leander McCormick Observatory (114); Cincinnati Observatory (114); Dr. Robert Peter (114), the Chicago Historical Society (114); the Wisconsin State Historical Society; the Christiania University (112); the K. L. C. Deutschen Akademie at Halle (108, 110, 111, 112; wants 109), and the Natural Historical Society, Northumberland, &c. (XVI i, 114).

Letters of envoy were received from the K. L. C. D. Akademie, November 3, 1883; Prof. W. L. Stevens; the Proprietors of Locks and Canals on the Merrimac river; James B. Francis, of Lowell, Massachusetts (wants 75, 96); the Department of Internal Affairs of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the Cincinnati Observatory.

Donations for the Library were received from the Egyptian Institute; the Society at Stuttgart; the Revista Euskara; Revue Politique, Geographical Societies of Paris and Bordeaux; J. A. K. Newlands and J. Hambden, of London; the R. G. S. Cornwall; Canadian Record; J. B. Francis, of Lowell; American Chemical Society; American Bookseller; W. L. Stevens; H. Phillips, Jr.; Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania; U. S. Bureau of Education; T. Gill; American Chemical Journal; American Journal of Philology; University of Cincinnati; C. Whittlesey; Chicago Historical Society; A. T. Andreas, and the A. A. A. S.

The death of Dr. Alfred L. Elwyn, at Philadelphia, March 15, aged 80, was announced by Mr. J. S. Price, and, on motion, the President was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

The Librarian reported that he had received from Dr. Brinton the trunk of documents mentioned in the minutes of April 6, 1883, and requested orders respecting its disposal.

Pending nominations Nos. 1011 to 1015, and new nominations Nos. 1016 to 1022, were read.

An obituary notice of Strickland Kneass, by Mr. Fred. Graeff, was read by the Secretary.

A communication was received from Prof. Claypole, of Oberlin, Ohio, entitled, "On the Clinton and other Shales,



&c., composing the Fifth Group of Rogers, in the First Survey of Pennsylvania."

The amendment of the Rules was referred to the consideration of the President.

The Committee on Aztec MSS. reported progress.

The Committee on the Michaux Legacy reported as follows:

That under last year's authority of the Society, the sum appropriated was expended in the delivery of fourteen lectures in the Fairmount Park, during last year, according to annexed schedule, to increased and interested audiences.

The Committee recommend that the like appropriation be made for the present year, of two hundred and eighty dollars, for fourteen lectures, according to schedule annexed, and fifty dollars for advertising.

Free Lectures in Fairmount Park on Botany and Tree Culture, by Prof. J. T. Rothrock, on Saturdays, at 4 P. M., 1884.

April 19. Relation of American forests to American prosperity.

26. Plant freaks.

May 3. Insects and plants.

10. Insects and plants.

17. How timber matures, how it decays and how to use it.

24. Natural selection as related to increase of plants.

31. What evolution has done for science and for education, and where its possibilities stop.

Sept. 6. Plants in literature and in superstition.

13. Plant life during winter.

20. Stray plants.

27. Bread plants.

Oct. 4. Water plants.

11. A talk about trees.

18. The extinct plants of our land.

Mr. Fraley announced that he would send to the Society an original copy of the draft of the agreement proposed to be executed between the City and the Society when the latter



entered into the tenancy of the building. It recites the status between the City and the Society, which has lasted until now.

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*Stated Meeting, April 5, 1884.*

Present, 10 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Peabody Institute, Baltimore (110, 111, 113), the U. S. Surgeon General's office (114), and the Society at Winnipeg (114).

A letter of envoy was received from Dr. A. C. Fryer, dated Elmhurst, Wilmilton, Cheshire, England, March 10.

A circular letter from the Accademia dei Lincei, announced the death of its President, Sig. Quintino Sella.

Donations for the Library were received from the Academies, Societies and Observatories, at St. Petersburg, Moscow, Vienna, Berlin, Halle, Marburg, Turin, Bordeaux, Liverpool and Winnipeg; from the Swedish Statistical Bureau; from the Ethnological and Geographical Societies; the Museum of Natural History and *Revue Politique*, Paris; from the Royal Institution, Astronomical, Geographical, Asiatic and Geological Societies, A. C. Fryer and Nature; James Freeman Clarke, of Boston; James Hall, of Albany; the Rhode Island Historical Society; *American Journal of Science*; the New Jersey Geological Survey; the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*; Academy of Natural Sciences; Franklin Institute; Dr. H. C. Chapman; Prof. Wm. Dennis Marks; H. Phillips, Jr.; the Johns Hopkins University; U. S. Fish Commission; Washington Philosophical Society; and the Illinois State Museum of Natural History.

Dr. John Curwen, of Warren, Pennsylvania, accepted the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of the late Dr. Kirkbride.

Mr. Lesley read Mr. J. F. Carll's correction of a wrong hori-